

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. The total Polish requirement for the next year for the movement of crude oil to the refineries in northern Poland is 1,000 tank cars. At present they have 600 of their own (P.K.P. - Polish State Railways), all of which are in good condition. Three hundred of these are four-axle cars with a cubic capacity of 48 to 55 cu. m., the other three hundred are two-axle cars of 20-ton capacity. About 150 of each type have heating pipes for winter use, with a heating surface of 16 sq. m. in the case of the bigger cars and 8 sq. m. in the case of the smaller ones.

2. The Poles are taking urgent steps to acquire from abroad the remaining 400 tank cars required and the Central Petroleum Products Office (Centrale Produktow, Naftowych). Warsaw has hired [redacted] a total of 111 tank cars of 15 to 20 tons capacity for 90 days at a price for that period of \$134.29 (U.S.) each. [redacted]

3. The cars are delivered from Vienna and Lobau Port; among other uses, they are to take crude oil totalling 108,000 tons from Austria to Poland

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5. It is not yet known where the Poles will acquire the remaining 200 tank cars required. The Soviet Oil Administration (SMV), Vienna, has mostly only old pre-war tank cars which were requisitioned by the Germans in various parts of Europe during the war and subsequently seized by the Russians.



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